

Manley Powers to Andrew Jackson, March 30, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR MANLEY POWERS TO JACKSON.

Dauphin Island, March 30, 1815.

Sir, In the absence of Major Genl. Lambert, who has sailed for England, and being left in the command of the British Troops, remaining in this Island, I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter, of 24th Inst. I am perfectly ignorant, as to the nature of the correspondence, which may have passed between you, and the Major General, respecting the Negroes, but I beg leave to acquaint you, that before he went away, he determined that all those, who peremptorily refused to return to their former Masters, should be embarked for the Island of Bermuda, at the same time, I can assure you, that he did every thing in his power, to induce the whole of them to return, and gave every facility for that purpose, to the persons who were sent here, to reclaim them, but he did not feel himself authorized, to resort to compulsion, to obtain that end, as they had served with the British Army voluntarily, and threw themselves upon his protection. A Ship will be sent by Admiral Malcolm, as early as possible, to the Mouth of the Mississippi, to receive the whole of the British Prisoners, now at New Orleans, and who can be removed with safety.